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REMARKS

Claims 16-32 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of US 6,660,279.

Under separate cover, Applicants are concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of record.


Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16-32 is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly requested.

The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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